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Card
Mr. Arthur M. Colton
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Dear Arthur:

Thank you for your letter of June 20, 1958. I appreciate your alerting us to the possible Soviet interests in your friend's books. I am always grateful for information which might have some value to intelligence.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 "E" Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

We have on our staff an engineer named Sigward F. Hoerner. He was born in Germany, was brought over to this country under "Operation Paperclip," and is now an American citizen.

He is an outstanding authority on aero- and hydro-dynamics.

He has written two books, (1) "Aerodynamic Drag," published privately in 1951, and (2) "Fluid-Dynamic Drag," published privately in 1958 (Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 57-13009).

Some time ago he received indications that the Japanese Air Force wished to translate the first book into Japanese. I called Captain Turner, of the District Naval Intelligence Office, Third Naval District, who told me that he saw no objection to the translation.

Dr. Hoerner has now received a request indirectly from General Nagamori, Chief, Research and Development Division (presumably of the Japanese Air Force) for permission to translate "Fluid-Dynamic Drag" into Japanese.

The Four-Continent Book Corporation, "Headquarters for Everything in Literature from the Soviet Union," 822 Broadway, N.Y.C., purchased several copies of Dr. Hoerner's first book, and it is anticipated that they will order copies of his second book.

There is a further possibility that the Russians may ask permission to translate the book into Russian, although it would surprise me if they bothered.

Do you wish to make any comments on the foregoing, or would you like to have any further information on the subject?

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Arthur N. Colton